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SATURDAY ...... MARCH 15, 1902. Weather forecast for Fredericksburg and Vicinity:

A WORD TO THE WISE.

Fair Saturday.

hearts of our people, for this plant Good Roads. when in full operation will give employment to from 200 to 300 people When a young lady is caught in as well as put considerable extra the rain with her new Spring hat on. money into the pockets of the farm- and without an umbrella, it is a diffiers of this community.

Many have been the congratula- every cloud has a silvern lining. tions received at this office for the work done by The Free Lance to- IT cost \$275,000 to entertain ward forwarding this movement to Prince Henry while in this country. a successful ending-but, in the lan- From these figures one might infer guage of Admiral Schley, we desire that the menu included a piece of to say "There is glory enough for Mr. Schwab's pie. all." The herculean efforts of the deserve the commendation of all of clearly. our people. No one man brought or could have brought this industry to QUERY-How is a fellow to keep Our city. It was the efforts of an his promises if he gives them to othunited people backed by 'individual ers? determination that produced the re-

So far as the people of this community are concerned, their work in this special case is completed but shall we rest here? Nay. This is only one of many industries that can be secured if we but give like energy and push toward bringing them to our city.

No better place can be found in Virginia for the establishment of industries than Fredericksburg. With abundant railroad and water facilities, water power, etc., this is an integration of all viting field for manufactories of all viting field for manufact viting field for manufactories of almost any description. We know this but there are thousands of live, up-to-date manufacturers who are not diers are exempted from the understand. but there are thousands of live, upto-date manufacturers who are not acquainted with these facts. It would therefore be wise for our Business Men's Association to lose no opportunity to publish to the manufacturing world the wonderful advanta turing world the wonderful advantages of Fredericksburg.

In order to make all efforts along this line successful, we must present an united front, and in order to have an united front every business man in this city should have his name on the roll of the Business Men's Association and attend every meeting of that very important body.

If we read right, Fredericksburg is about to make long strides toward great business success, but all success is largely dependent upon energy and push. We have in this city all the energy and push that is necessary if we but make the proper application of these forces. No man wants to ride to success on his neighbor's shoulders. Let every business man therefore put his shoulder to the wheel and success is assured. It matters not whether you are a big-manufacturer or only a small grocer, your help is needed.

Need we say more, can we present a more urgent appeal, is it necessary to portray to any greater degree the opportunities of this city? We believe not. We are of the opinion that Fredericksburg is on the eve of a tidal wave of business success and that every one of her citizens will be found ready to help in this great effort for the improvement of her industrial and financial condition.

BARKSDALE VS. LEE.

The bills offered in the Legislature, by Messrs. Barksdale and Lee, pro-

fered by Mr. Lee continues all of the counties in the First District as they are now, and adds to the list Staff. are now, and adds to the list Stafford, King George and King William counties.

As between the two propositions, FIRE FREE LANCE believes that the latter would more nearly represent the wisbes of the people of the

First District than the former. Fredericksburg is the only city in the First District, and as such holds a pre-eminent position in this district. Its interests from a business standpoint are largely in accord with the nainder of the district. To place it in the Eighth District would be to separate it from many of its staunch-est friends and to a great extent retard its growth both politically and financially. The people of this city are perfectly satisfied to remain in the First District, and we fear that the movement on foot to place us in a movement on foot to place us in a

new district has other than our ad

ance nent and development in view. The fact is, the Barksdale bill appears to be the work of political ugglers, whose sole purpose is rather o further the cause of men than to ncrease the business interests of this

Until Fredericksburg kicks, we trust de will be left among her heretofore loyal friends of the First District.

Doubtless the old First District vould gladly open her doors to the ounties of Stafford, King George and King William and bid them welcome, inasmuch as their interests are largely in accord with those of the counties now comprising the old district.

GOOD ROADS CONVENTION.

During this week, Gov. Montague as been appointing delegates from monwealth, to the great State Good Roads Convention which is to be held in Richmond on the 21st and 22nd The next exhibition of the Upperville perville June 11th and 12th, and entries will close June 1. days of this month.

Those gentlemen whom he has cho-In the local columns of The Free sen to represent this city in that Con-Lance of Thursday last announces vention are practical business men ment was made that the firm of Rob-1 and every one of them doubtless reerts Bros., of Baltimore. Md., had alize the great need for the immedidecided to open a large canning fac- ate improvement of our public hightory in Fredericksburg and that ways. It is hoped therefore that work on the plant would begin at each one of these gentlemen will find time to go to Richmond and with the As was expected, the announce representatives from other sections Buickrood will leave about Apr. 1st with ment of this addition to Fredericks of Virginia study the best means for burg's industries, carried joy to the obtaining the desire of all citizens-

cult job to induce her to believe that

Special Committee appointed by the President Roosevelt's first veto Charlottesville took an ounce of land Business Men's Association as well as the united support of the farmers of Stafford and Spotselburg, association as well as the united support of the farmers of such an avenue for light the President formula and Spotselburg, association as well as the united support of the farmers of such an avenue for light the President formula and then became frightened and called for help. A physician saved the girl's life. It is thought she was influenced by Stafford and Spotsylvania counties dent ought to have seen his way

THE Convention evidently believes in the freedom of speech.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

THE SUPPLIAGE QUESTION. The Democratic conference of the men ers of the Convention rejected by a vot of 46 to 24 the majority report of the offrage plan, the basic feature of which is a permanent understanding clause temporary understanding clause

bull substitute for the Glass suffrage plan. It also voted down the permanent oderstanding principle.

Court of Appeals Decisions.

The Virginia Court of Appeals, in the ase of Dr. Otto Meyer, who sned for the custody of his child, was affirmed. Afte a divorce of Dr. Meyer and his wife, th child was given into her custody, and a suit was brought by him to secure it. It was argued that Dr. Meyer was not a believer in Christianity, and therefore should not have the child. The court

Other cases decided were: Smith vs. Pyrites Mining company; Circuit Court of Louisa county. Appeal

Chesapeake and Ohio Railway com-pany vs. Walker et al.; petition to rehear. Southern Railway company vs. Gregg: Circuit Court of Loudon; appeal and supersedeas. Bond, \$1,500.

Marshals Treat and Allen Reappointed.

The President Thursday decided to re appoint Marshals Morgan Treat, of West Point, and S. Brown Allen, of Augusta county, of the Eastern and Western Discounty, of the Eastern and Western Dis-tricts, respectively. This fight has been going on since the first of January, and it has always been admitted that on these appointments hung the question of which of the factions in Virginia would be recognized by the President. As both Messrs Treat and Allen are "organization" men, that faction is evidently in the ascendant. Mr. Allen was opposed by Gen. Rosser and Mr. Treat by Mr. Stuart. Gen. Rosser and Mr. Treat by Mr. Stuart.
Marshal Treat, of the Eastern District,
has made a popular and efficient officer,
and his many friends in this section are
jubilant over his reappointment.

The Norfolk Strike.

Four companies of the Seventy-first Virginia Regiment, which have been on duty in Norfolk since the street railway strike began, were ordered Monday to Congressional Districts have occasioned considerable discussion by both the press and the people.

The bill offered by Mr. Barksdale places Fredericksburg in the Eighth District and the Eastern Shore counties in the Second District. That of-

W. J. Bryan at Culpeper.

Hon. W. J. Bryan arrived in Culpeper Thursday evening on a brief visit to Judge Daniel A. Grimsley. He stated that his visit was without the least pol-itical significance, but purely social. Mr. Bryan, on alighting from the train, went immediately to the Grimsley residence for rest. He spoke in a good-natured, jolly manner to the crowd at the station, and had a hearty hand-shake for all

Baltimore Oyster Market Overstocked.

There were systems by the ton in the Baltimore harbor Tuesday: 150,000 bushels were on board of the largest fleet seen there for years. The hundreds of vessels with full cargoes sent prices tumbling, and records for over a decade were broken. Shipments of Virginia oys-ters have almost stopped, these oysters being from Maryland beds.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

VIRGINIA NEWS.

A pension has been granted in Washington to Louis Weber, Fauquier Springs,

The telephone line will probably be exended several miles north of Culpeper, as for as Catalpa. Mrs. E. J. Marsham, who was recently

paralyzed at her home near Madison Mills brange county, is improving. The Culpeper and Louisa Telephone companies, will establish an exchange at Somerset for the two lines

The West Hanover Presbytery of the Synod of Virginia will be held at Orange, Tuesday, April 15, at 8, P. M. Rey, E. H.

In Richmond Thursday Hazel Bottom a 10 year old girl, was run over by at electric car and her head almost severe

The case of Dr. Coles, who was indicted in Northumberland court, for the illicit sale of whiskey, was tried Monday. The jury disagreed.

At Manassas, Wednesday, a freight train on the Southern Railway ran into

an open switch, breaking the pilot and wrecking several ears. Neal Stanback, the negro who on Jan

uary 18 attempted a criminal assault or aged Mrs Eliza H. Preuffer, paid the penalty for his crime in Norfolk county til yard Wednesday. Mr. R. Buickrood has sold his valuable

farm near Bealiston, Fauquier county to Mr. Altfather of Pennsylvania. Mr

Mr. Juo R. Townsend of the Orange County Hounds has offered a handsome silver cuplto the winner of the Farmer Race to be run at the annual pointer races of the Warrenton Hunt Club durning the week of April 6.

Mrs Payne, wife of Gen. William II. Payne, while in her room in Warrenton, in some unnecountable way hung her foot in the carpet and fell violently to the floor, sustaining a had fracture of the left arm below the elbow.

The William L. Wilson Memorial fund, for the endowment of a chair of economics to the memory of the late president of Washington and Lee university, has received a contribution from H. I' Wilder, of Boston, of \$1,000

Miss Nora Maupin, 19 years old of went to work yesterday.

When the westbound t. & O train ar rived at Gordonsville Wednesday evening two negroes—William Jones and Thomas Gill—were arrested These negro attempt to take the nail pouch from the train at Madison Ran, between Orange and Gordonsville while stealing a ride. They were jailed.

Mr. L. M. Harlow caught a large groundhog last week in a steel trap. Infortunately, the animal has seen its shadow before being enught. \* So many strangers are moving into this lowing the illing of a claim for a \$12,000

miles of Warrenton and commonly call-ed the bestfarm between Warrenton and Fredericksburg to Mr. George of Tazewell county -Warrenton Virginian.

COMMON-LAW MARRIAGE VOID.

Supreme Court of Virginia so Decides.

The common law marriages are invalid Virginia was the decision of the State upreme court of Appeals Wednesday. The opinion, was given in the case of Offield vs Davis, appealed from the Cirdoes not discuss this phase of the case, but, after quoting several cases, lays lower court's decision was affirmed, down the rule that "the welfare of the child requires that it be left with its the first time before the court was the first time before the court was whether or not a contract proved to have been enterted into between a man and a voman, by which they mutually agreed to become husband and wife, without and celebration and without license, constituted a valid marriage in this State any entitled the woman to dower interest from the time the agreement was entered into. nent was entered into.

SOME DEATHS.

Alex. Manuel a former resident of Faq-nier county, died recently at Joy, Ill., where he had bought a home.

Mr. Jimmie Sims, of Ruckersville, Greene county, son of Frank and Tilda Sims, died Tuesday, aged thirty-eight years.

Ex-Governor John P. Altgeld, of Illnois who was stricken with apoplexy while making a speech for the Boer cause, died at Jollet, Ill., Wednesday night. Edwin H. Tavenner, a Confederate so

Edwin H. Tavenner, a Confederate sol-dier and esteemed citizen of Loudoun county, died at his home in Hamilton aged 60 years. During the war he was severely wounded in the hip on May5, 1864 at the battle of the Wilderness. The ball was never removed. He leaves four child-ren. His wife died some years ago.

MARRIAGES.

Mr. H. L. Foley of Fauquier county and Miss Mattie Skinner of Washington were married a few days ago.

Licensed to marry in Baltimore; Joshua H. W. Murray, of Warrenton, and Re-becca R. Reynolds, of Cofield, N. C.

Miss Susie Bishop, of Barboursville, Orange county and Mr. Jas. Kirby, of Albemarle county, were married in Char-

Mr. and Mrs. Coe have announced the approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Clinton, to Mr. Harry Hamilton Moler, of Hedgesville, W. Va., to take place at the Methodist parsonage, Warrenton, March 19th, at 10 o'clock.

Have Lived to Good Old Ages.

There are three brothers named Butler There are three brothers named Butler within five miles of Culpeper whose ages range from 86 to 92 years. Mr. Thom Hufman and his brother, Aaron, are 90 and 92; T. S. Aleocke, 84; P. P. Nalle, 85; George Hughes, 89; William Lucas, 89. There are many others from 84 to 90 years of age.—C. B. Hood, of Culpeper, in Richmond Times.

Miners Strike.

About 400 coal miners struck at the Norton. Va., coal mines Thursday. A posse of deputy marshals arrested Wm. Webber and John Haddow, organizers of the miners unious, on the charge of interfering with the Federal Court's receivers of the Virginia Iron. Coal and Coke Co. The men were taken to Lynchburg. They decline to talk.

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Col. Bowman offered a bill in the House appropriating \$50,000 for the Virginia exhibit and providing for the appointnent of a board of three members to have

In the Senate Mr. Barksdale introduced a bill authorizing the Governor to ap-point a board to examine candidates for the practice of osteopathy in the State.

The Governor takes the ground first that the resolution failing to set forth its object in its title is unconstitu-BILLS INTRODUCED.

The directors of the Pennsylvania Rail road have authorized the issue of \$50,000,000 805 per cent—bonds.

Matie Bennett confessed at Beaumont.

The steamer Providence, was overturued at Vicksburg Miss. Wednesday by a sudden squall and 21 of her passengers

the American Tobacco Company, shows the net earnings for the year, after de-

with the recognical labor, the great strike of freign.
Inbor, the great strike of freigns and kindred trades represented in the allied freight transportation council was broken Thursday night. Fally 20,000 men who had been file for four days went to work yesterday.

I respectfully announce my candidacy for re-election to the office of Common wealth Attorney for the City of Frederick sharp. Va. and if elected willendeavo to initially perform the duties of the other.

the suicide of Miss Dora Morris.

Fourth-class postmasters were appointed as follows: Greenlaws Wharf. King George county, S. C. Staples, to succeed Peyton Parker, removed: Neabsco Mills, Prince William county, J. M. Kincheloe, to succeed G. R. Atkin son, who recently died.

When the westbound C. & O train arrived at Gordonsville Wednesday evening states and the post-office appropriation bill has been the subject of general debate in the House.

The Senate Committee has made a favorable report on the bill providing exclusion of the Chinese from the United States and the Philippines. Among the bills passed by the Senate

States and the Philippines Representative Crampacker, introduc-

In resolution authorizing the speaker is in any way abridged or denied.

county that signboards have become a necessity on the public roads. Presi the city Acouncil committee submitted its report on the fee, and no action being

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charge of it.

The commission appointed by the Legislature to meet a similar one-from Maryland, to consider reforms in the oyster laws of the two States, will leave to-day for Washington, where a preliminary conference will be held. The Virginia commission is composed of Senators Walker, Sale and Bruce, and Delegates Matthews, Green, Cardwell, Hunley and Lyell. charge of it.

OV. MONTAGUE VETOES PENSION DILL

Gov Montague vetoed the Senate joint r solution passed by the two houses set-ting as de \$300,000 for Confederate pentional. He also holds that the resolution would simply keep this large amount of money idle while awaiting the action of the General Assembly to pass an accept-able pension law. The veto message is brief, but clear and pointed.

By Mr. Matthews: Petition asking that the time for taking oysters from their beds be shortened.

GENERAL NEWS.

Texas, that she was at the head of a gang which had been drugging, robbing ad mardering men.

and crew were drowned. The report of Treasurer H. D. Lee, of

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D. S. RUSSELLL.

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